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Societies Occupying Mercury Hall.

NEWPORT COUNCIL No. 31, Order United American Mechanics, Albert C. Chubbard, Secretary; James E. Mathewson, Recording Secretary; meets every Monday evening.
EXETER LODGE No. 49, I. O. O. F., Wm. H. Boone, Noble Grand; Herbert A. Runt, Secretary; meets every Tuesday evening.
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NEW YORK HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, Wm. Newport, President; Alexander McClellan, Secretary; meets 1st and 3d Wednesday evenings of each month.
JOHN LODGE, No. 2, A. O. U. W., Edwin H. Tuley, Master Workman; Geo. A. Pritchard, Recorder; meets 1st and 3d Thursday evenings.
PRINCE GEORGE LODGE, No. 336, K. of H., Dictator, John Melville; Reporter, G. H. Hanco; meets 2d and 4th Thursday evenings.
BROOKLYN LODGE, No. 11, K. of P., John H. Mustard, Chancellor; Commander, Daniel P. Bull, Keeper of Records and Seal; meets every Friday evening.
DAVIS DIVISION No. 8, U. R. K. of P., St. Knight Captain, A. J. Davis; Charles H. Koehn, Jr., Recorder; meets last Friday eve 12 in each month.

Local Matters.

At the War College.

The session of 1896 at the War College was formally opened on Tuesday by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Mr. Adoo. Lieutenant Niblack accompanied Mr. Adoo and a thorough inspection of the Training Station was made Monday. On Tuesday the guests included Commodore Wallace and all the officers of the Naval Station, Colonel Loder and officers of Fort Adams, Adjutant General Sackett, Colonel Reginald Norman and Commander W. McCarthy Little, representing the state of Rhode Island; Colonel J. H. Fowler, Rev. E. H. Porter and a number of ladies and citizens.

The Assistant Secretary was introduced by Captain H. C. Taylor, president of the college. The address was long, its reading occupying more than an hour, but its interesting nature relieved it of all tediousness. It was agreed by all who heard it that the paper was the ablest and most comprehensive of any ever read at the opening of the college. At the conclusion of the formal exercises Mr. Adoo held an informal reception.

Some of the officers who will appear before the class during the session are lecturers are Capt. A. T. Mahan, Capt. Goodrich, Taylor, Harrington and Corcoran of the Marine Corps, Surgeon Siegfried, Gen. Lippitt of Washington, Lieuts. Niblack, Neggs and Rush and Lieut. Com. Pillsbury. Commander McClellan, an ex-United States naval officer who distinguished himself in the Japan-China war, while not being present himself, is expected to send a number of valuable papers, which will be read before the college during the session.

Charles Grant, eldest son of Mrs. James P. Grant, of this city, who completes the scientific course in the Rogers High School this month, will go to Philadelphia in September to enter the University of Pennsylvania. He has fulfilled all the conditions required to enter the Architectural branch of that institution, and expects to finish the course in two years.

Mr. Charles Hazard, who resides on Alley Road in Middletown, is dangerously ill from Bright's disease. He is the brother of Mr. James T. Hazard and father of Mr. Daniel B. Hazard, both of whom reside on Broadway in this city.

Rev. Thomas M. Clark, Bishop of Rhode Island, has arrived at the Carry cottage on Channing avenue for the season.

The New Jersey Association of Deaf Mutes was organized in Trenton Tuesday with a membership of 70.

The policemen are wearing the badge of mourning for the customary time on account of the death of Officer Dewick.

Death of Officer Dewick.

During the thunder storm last Sunday afternoon Police Officer W. H. Dewick was struck and instantly killed by lightning. It lacked but a few minutes of being five o'clock and the officer was at his home on Van Zandt avenue, dressing preparatory to reporting to the police station for his night's duty. The family were startled by what sounded like two pistol shots immediately followed by a heavy fall. Passing upstairs, they found Mr. Dewick prostrate on the floor. Mr. Arndt Brandt, who lives next door, arrived almost immediately and informed them that he had seen the lightning strike the roof of the house. The medical examiner was summoned and an examination showed a slight abrasion over the officer's right temple, his mouth and nose were singed, and there was a burned streak starting over the heart, winding around to the side and down the left leg to his foot, which was badly burned, and the shoes torn in places. His watch chain was blackened, but the watch was still going.

There appeared to have been two bolts and these have disturbed but half a dozen shingles near the ridge board and so close to the end that had they gone two feet further south the house would have been missed. The holes in the plastering look like bullet holes and in the matting on the floor there are two larger holes with two small ones in the ceiling below from whence the lightning appears to have acted as a conveyance. Then there is a hole toward the outside with an evidence of damage without.

The sad news spread rapidly and the house was soon filled, despite the pouring rain and thunder and lightning, with friends and acquaintances anxious to do whatever they could and to offer sympathy to the bereaved family.

The deceased was a son of the late Oliver Dewick and a brother of Special Officer Oliver Dewick. He was a native of Newport, and before joining the police force in October, 1887, was for many years employed by the late Julius Sayer. He leaves a widow and six children, two boys and four girls. He was a member of the Police Relief Association. Mr. Dewick was well known in this city and his friends are legion. He was of a particularly kindly disposition, always ready to render assistance whenever it was possible to do so, and was one of the most efficient members of the police force. His brother officers have passed resolutions of respect to his memory, which will be found in another column.

The funeral was solemnized from his late residence Wednesday afternoon, Rev. E. L. Bukey of Zabrick Memorial church officiating. The members of the police department attended in a body, Mayor Boyle, Chief Road and Detective Richards accompanying them. The bearers were Officers Crane, Conroy, Caswell, Barker, McCormick and Fehrdard. There was a large number of handsome floral offerings, conspicuous among them being a representation in flowers of the dead officer's shield with his number "10" in the center.

More of Mr. Bull's Work.

Several weeks ago, at the request of Mr. H. A. Thorndike of this city, Congressman Bull interested himself in behalf of two American citizens named Glean, relatives of Mr. Thorndike, who had been cast into a Cuban prison. Mr. Bull at once opened a correspondence with Consul General Barker, at Sagua la Grande, relative to the matter, and this week received a letter from that gentleman referring him to the State Department at Washington where he learned that the two men were released from prison on the 15th ult., five weeks after their arrest, under the terms of the royal decree granting amnesty to political prisoners against whom no positive proof of guilt had been lodged; but that the General commanding that some took occasion to inform the Messrs. Glean that their release was provisional, and impressed upon them it was due solely to the graciousness of the Queen Regent. Pending their trial, they are required to present themselves to a military court every third day. As to when the trial would be given, the State Department had no knowledge. As far as Mr. Bull could learn, no steps have been taken to hasten it.

Mr. Henry R. Cocklin, of Washington, D. C., formerly of this city, will receive the degree of Bachelor of Law at the commencement exercises of the School of Law of Columbia University of Washington next Tuesday evening.

The Friends' Yearly Meeting will be held in Newport this year commencing next Thursday and a week from tomorrow will be June Meeting Sunday. The usual fog is due to arrive at the same time.

Machinist George H. Ufford, at present stationed on the Raleigh at Tompkinsville, Staten Island, has been visiting his family in this city this week.

Mrs. C. A. Snow is visiting relatives in this city.

Base Ball.

Last Saturday's game was with the Harvard College (or second) team and although the home team won by a score of 14 to 4, the game was far from interesting. The score was:

NEWPORT.	A. B.	R.	H.	E.	A.
France, 1st	3	0	1	4	0
Buckley, 1st	3	0	2	0	0
Cotter, 1st	3	0	2	12	0
Blueman, 1st	3	0	3	2	0
Gilbert, 1st	3	0	1	2	0
Diamond, 1st	3	0	1	0	0
McIntire, 1st	3	0	1	1	0
Gallagher, 1st	3	0	1	0	0
Total	24	0	14	21	0

HARVARD COLLEGE.	A. B.	R.	H.	E.	A.
Martin, 1st	3	2	0	0	0
Boyle, 1st	3	0	1	0	0
Boyle, 2nd	3	0	1	0	0
Boyle, 3rd	3	0	1	0	0
Clark, 1st	3	0	1	0	0
Boyle, 2nd	3	0	1	0	0
Boyle, 3rd	3	0	1	0	0
Boyle, 4th	3	0	1	0	0
Boyle, 5th	3	0	1	0	0
Boyle, 6th	3	0	1	0	0
Total	24	2	6	24	0

On Monday the Newports played the Wesleyan College team on the College campus at Middletown, Conn., defeating them by a score of 8-4 and on Tuesday, much to the surprise of every one, won the game from the Holy Cross line on the latter's own field at Worcester. The score was 2-1 and eleven innings were necessary to finish. The runs were made, one by Holy Cross in the first, one by Newport in the sixth and the winning run by Newport in the eleventh; time one hour and fifty minutes. The return game with Holy Cross will be played on Freebody Park next Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Thursday's game was with the Everett Athletic Association team. This team's exceptionally strong record had preceded it to this city and a close and interesting game was expected. A glance at the score will show that fears for the reputation of the local team against them were groundless.

NEWPORT.	A. B.	R.	H.	E.	A.
Ollberg, 1st	3	5	4	4	0
France, 1st	3	2	2	0	0
Buckley, 1st	3	2	2	0	0
Cotter, 1st	3	2	3	8	0
Blueman, 1st	3	2	3	5	0
Diamond, 1st	3	0	0	0	0
McIntire, 1st	3	0	0	0	0
Gallagher, 1st	3	0	0	0	0
Total	24	11	19	27	0

EVERETT A. A.	A. B.	R.	H.	E.	A.
Priest, 1st	3	1	0	0	0
Judd, 1st	3	1	1	0	0
Gill, 1st	3	1	1	0	0
Clifton, 1st	3	1	2	0	0
Clifton, 2nd	3	1	2	0	0
O'Connell, 1st	3	0	2	4	0
O'Connell, 2nd	3	0	2	0	0
Goulden, 1st	3	0	2	0	0
Goulden, 2nd	3	0	2	0	0
Adair, 1st	3	0	1	0	0
Total	24	7	11	17	0

Score by innings:
Newport.....0 1 0 3 2 5 5-23
Everett.....0 0 0 1 0 0 0-7

Summary:
Struck out—Newport, two base hits—Buckley, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 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THE FITTEST SURVIVES

By J. H. CONNELLY.

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CHAPTER X.

"Hello, yourself!" he rejoined, staring at her and then around the room as if to make sure that he had not strayed into the wrong apartment.

"You're home rather early today, ain't you? What's the matter?" asked the young woman, merely glancing at him as she bit off a thread.

"Thanks for your interest in my movements," he replied stiffly, "but I am not aware that I have any more business elsewhere than here."

She suspended work for a moment to stare at him, and then, seeming to have suddenly found a very amusing idea, laughed heartily, causing Chester to rodden with embarrassment, for he did not at all like being laughed at by a pretty girl. And she was pretty, undoubtedly, whoever she was. If a delicately pink and white complexion, blue eyes, regular features and glossy golden hair sufficed into a cloud of bewitching curls for a "bang" and rippling in charming disorder over a snowy neck cannot make a girl at least pretty in a young man's eyes, there must be something radically wrong about the young man.

"Don't get huffy," she said merrily. "I'm not laughing at you. I forgot for a moment that we were strangers, on your side. You probably never saw me before, and I suppose you are surprised to see me in here, but I've seen you lots of times over the banisters, going out or coming in, and I know your friend, so that's how it seemed at first as if I was acquainted with you too."

"I was not aware," replied Chester, brightly bowing, "that I had had the honor of meeting you before."

"No, you hadn't, except once in the hall, and then my veil was down, so you couldn't have seen me to know me. But I live here."

"Here?"

"In the house. I've got a little room in the attic, up three flights. It's colder than Greenland up there. I make fuddy-duddies, you see. Most of the work I do on the sewing machine, and I don't mind the cold when I'm running the machine, but there's a good deal of finishing off to do with the needle, and that's the time Jack Frost gets his work in, especially if one is not from running the treadle. That first cold snap of the winter I caught a cold up there that I thought would kill me. Mr. Latham heard me coughing and asked the lady about it, and when she told him how I was fixed he said I might come in here and see whenever I liked in daytime, while he was away, because his room is always so nice and warm. I think he's a awful kind, don't you?"

"Yes, indeed I do," answered the young man heartily, and then he added in a bantering tone, "but I should hardly think he would have the heart to restrict you to the time of his absence."

"Why so?"

"You make such a charming domestic picture that your presence quite converts a bachelor's den into a home, and with such a tempting companion!"

"No nonsense now, young man. Use your jawbone with caution. Men have been killed with that sort of weapon."

"Oh, not this sort of jawbone."

"Maybe. I can't be sure until I know you better."

"That no time may be lost in your doing so, and with a basis of conventionality for the acquaintance, permit me to introduce myself as—"

"Chester Sewall. Yes, I know. I asked Mr. Latham, and he told me. My name is Lottie Belden."

The young man made a bow of exaggerated formality before her. She looked quizzically at him for a moment, with her little golden head cocked on one side like a contemplative bird, then springing up executed a deep, old-fashioned minuet courtesy and bounded back to her seat laughing.

How strangely this light hearted girl's presence had dissipated the shadows about him! Though an entire stranger to him and one in whose personality he had not the slightest concern, the in-

fectious merriment of her frank, happy nature had made him smile, and even laugh, when five minutes before meeting her he could have cried had he not felt it unmanly to do so.

"What have you there on your arm?" she demanded.

"A coat."

"What are you going to do with it?"

"Sew on some new buttons."

"Sew? You can sew?"

"Yes. In a sew-sew fashion."

"Come. Let me see you do it. I never saw a man sew except a tailor, whose business it was, and he doesn't count."

"Oh, yes, as a fraction."

He sat down before a stand and spread his tools and materials out before him for the work.

"Mercy, what a rope!" exclaimed Lottie at sight of the thread.

"Well, isn't that right? I wanted something that would not break the first time it was pulled."

"And what are those things you have there?" she asked in a sarcastic affection of surprise.

"Why, needles, of course."

"Oh, needles! To knit with or to sew?"

"To sew on my buttons. I wanted things I could get hold of."

"Oh, please! Give that coat here and I'll sew those buttons on while you would be poking that rope through the

end of one of those crowbars. You men are all alike—awfully helpless creatures."

"You don't imagine I will trouble you with my mending, do you?"

"That's nothing. I often fix things for Mr. Latham when his wash comes home without his knowing anything about it. Why shouldn't neighbors help one another? It makes the world so much easier to get along in when they do."

Her self imposed task did indeed seem trifling, so quickly did her nimble and skillful fingers complete it. Chester thanked her effusively and held the garment up before him to admire the neatness of her work. The critical inspection gave him new ground for disquieting reflection. His coat was undeniably old, not to put too fine a point upon the fact "fuddy," and the newness of the buttons seemed to emphasize its air of faded gentility. There were little glazed looking lines along the seams here and there, not very prominent, it is true, but quite perceptible in a good light and impossible of banishment from the consciousness of the wearer. And how was it possible he had ever got that horrible polka on the elbows, or, having it, failed to observe it until now? Then the left lapel was funny, and the collar needed

cleaning. He sighed deeply as he threw it over the back of a chair.

"It is a sort of back number," commented Lottie sympathetically, but with a cruel frankness.

"Yes," he assented in a doleful tone, "but it is the best I can do now."

"Must wear a clawhammer?"

His affirmative "Yes" was almost stolen.

She seemed to reflect seriously a few moments and then broke out cheerfully:

"Bay, there's a place down on the Bowery where you can hire a dress coat or a whole suit, real bang up things, that have been made for swell and fixed up so you wouldn't know but what they are new. And you can get them that will fit you 'like the paper on the wall' if you take a little trouble. Real cheap too. Why don't you go there?"

"I never heard of such a thing."

"Ah, you haven't had to hustle much in New York yet, that is evident."

"How do you come to know anything about hiring dress suits?"

"Why, do you think I'm so honest I can't have a feller? Or maybe I've got a lady friend who has."

He took the address of the place she had suggested and went away, while she resumed her work, singing like a bird. But song was far from his sad heart. Never had his pride received such a blow. Compelled to hire a dress coat! It seemed to him as if the humiliation of the shameful deed he contemplated must be apparent on him.

That evening he escorted Irma Willmarth to the opera, wearing the hired dress coat. Hardly had they settled comfortably in their seats when she began sniffing and looking suspiciously at the upholstery and tapestry of the box.

Now that his attention was drawn to it he fancied that he could himself detect an unfamiliar and unpleasant chemical odor in the air. Irma raised her glasses to look over the house, but almost immediately lowered them again and said positively:

"I'm sure of it. They've been cleaning the plush in this box with some nasty chemicals, and the smell is overpowering. I declare it is shameful that when such things are necessary, they are not done long enough before the public are admitted for the odors to be dissipated. This box smells of that stuff they put in lamps."

"I noticed it when we came in," assented Chester, looking about him inquiringly and sniffing, "but it seems to go going off. There isn't much of it now."

He spoke with an easy, nonchalant air, but knew that it was his dress coat and not the plush which had given offense to her sensitive olfactory, and it made his very marrow cold to think of her discovering the truth. What would she say if she learned that the man she was engaged to marry had to wear a hired coat?

Luckily the appearance of some rival beauty claimed her attention. Then the curtain went up, and by the time the first act was over she thought of the odor no more.

With the exception of that one unpleasant incident the evening was so thoroughly enjoyable that Chester for the time being forgot his troubles and was happy in the delusive paradise of hope. The music was magnificent, but he did not pay much attention to it, further than to vaguely feel its harmony with his inmost state of being, which, thanks to Irma's tenderness, was one of exultant joy. From behind her fan she shot looks of love at him in response to the passionate whispers he uttered during the orchestra's most violent endeavors. One of her hands, beneath the friendly concealment of a wrap, from time to time returned the ardent pressure he bestowed upon it. In short, she was as loving as she was beautiful.

When they were riding homeward, she reminded him of her birthday party, to be given a week later, and bade him be sure to come. It would be, she said, more than an informal family gathering, but could not be complete to her without him. From that invitation his hope drew a most favorable augury, though the idea upon which it was based was little warranted. Why, he said to himself, should she have mentioned it as more "a family gathering" than anything else had she not intended to delicately convey an intimation that her stern father was relaxing his opposition to their happiness?

CHAPTER XI.

Chester Sewall's sessions with himself as a committee on ways and means grew long and anxious. Of course attendance at Irma's birthday party was imperative. She would never forgive him if he absented himself upon that occasion. And it was possible, if not exactly probable, that it might be the turning point in his fortunes. Suppose her scornful father, in the expansion of feeling naturally to be expected upon such an anniversary, should say: "Bless you, my children. Your love has conquered my pride. Marry and be happy."

But that difficulty about a dress coat presented itself anew. He could not dare to risk hiring one again and perhaps go about all evening scolding as if he had

been cleaned with the stuff they put in lamps. If Irma should get one sniff of that odor, identify it with him and guess at the reason for his presence, she might be capable of renouncing him forever. Yet the more he contemplated his own as an alternative the more shabby it appeared to him. Would it be a judicious investment under the circumstances for him to buy a new one? The slenderness of his resources compelled him to decide against it. Why not wear John's? It was new, an elegant garment. One night's wear would not hurt him. John would certainly not refuse to lend it if he were at home and indeed need never know that it had been borrowed. If it would fit—He took it out of John's wardrobe and tried it on. It fitted as if it had been made for him. Lottie Belden said that when he had it on "there was not a better looking wax figure in the Eden Musee." He wished, by the way, she would not make remarks like that. It was so difficult for him to determine sometimes whether they were meant to be sarcastic or not.

The coat difficulty thus disposed of, another, which at first threatened to be yet more serious, presented itself. He would be expected to make a present to Irma on the auspicious occasion, one worthy of her and of the position he assumed as her affianced husband. Very gladly, indeed, he would have given to her diamonds as big as pumpkins or handfuls of pearls if he could, but even a decent bouquet would have made a serious draft on his resources, and he feared that bouquets were hardly up to the occasion anyway. To buy such a piece of jewelry as he would care to offer would bankrupt him.

After long cogitation he brought out of his trunk a little box, enveloped and sealed as it was when it came into his possession. In faded ink upon the paper infolding it were the words written in a tremulous hand, "For my son."

His eyes were dimmed for a moment, as he tenderly folded the paper and laid it aside. Surely, he thought, if mother could know she would not disapprove what he was about to do in his extremity. She, too, would have loved Irma had she known her.

The box contained a number of pieces of jewelry, rings, earrings, brooches and bracelets, all old fashioned and generally of no great value. Mrs. Sewall had saved little for ornament, and her additions to the accumulation were those of least worth financially, though the only ones that had any sacredness of association in the mind of her son.

Some of the antique pieces, that had long been heirlooms in his family, were much more valuable than Chester imagined, but they were few. One of these he selected for his present to Irma. It was a nautilus, wrought in gold and enamel, with a setting of one splendid ruby, exquisite in design and superb in execution. He chose it simply because of its artistic beauty, thinking nothing more of the big ruby than that it looked well, for he knew practically nothing of the values of precious stones.

On the evening of the party he was more than pleased and not a little surprised to learn that his present was not only the most beautiful but by very far

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